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Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

I. Claims 1-16, drawn to a process for dispersing paper, classified in Class 162, subclass 57.

II. Claims 17-28, drawn to an apparatus for dispersing paper stock, classified in Class 162, subclass 261.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as process and apparatus for its practice. The inventions are distinct if it can be shown that either: (1) the process as claimed can be practiced by another materially different apparatus or by hand, or (2) the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process. (M.P.E.P. § 806.05(e)). In this case the process of Group I does not require "a worm extruder" as required by the apparatus of Group II and can be fed to the distribution device with a high consistency pump.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have required a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

A telephone call was made to applicant's attorney, on December 10, 2001, to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected species, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the

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application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a diligently-filed petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h).

Applicant is advised that the response to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed.

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